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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, the period to respond being extended three (3) months from November 14, 2003 to February 14, 2004 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.